GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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DIVERSION OF FUNDS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has noticed diversion or non-utilisation of Tribal Funds in certain States;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years;

(c) whether any proper monitoring system is working to check the misuse or diversion of tribal funds; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a) to (d): No report of diversion of funds has come to the notice of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. However non utilisation does occasionally take place in some States.

The mechanism followed to ensure proper utilisation of funds is as under:

(i) The provisions of the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act are strictly followed;

(ii) Utilisation Certificates are insisted upon as a pre-requisite for further release of funds;

(iii) Periodic progress reports regarding the status of implementation of schemes are obtained;

(iv) Central Government Officers undertake on the spot visits to the States/ Union Territories for ascertaining the progress of implementation of various schemes/ programmes of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs;

(v) Meetings/ Conferences are convened at the Central level with State Ministers and State Secretaries in charge of Tribal Welfare and Development Departments in the States to ensure timely submission of proposals, speed up of implementation of the schemes/ programmes, and reviewing the physical and financial progress;

(vi) At the State and field level, bodies like the Tribes Advisory Council, Project Implementation Committees of ITDPs and Panchayat Samities also monitor timely spending of funds and effective implementation of the schemes/ programmes.